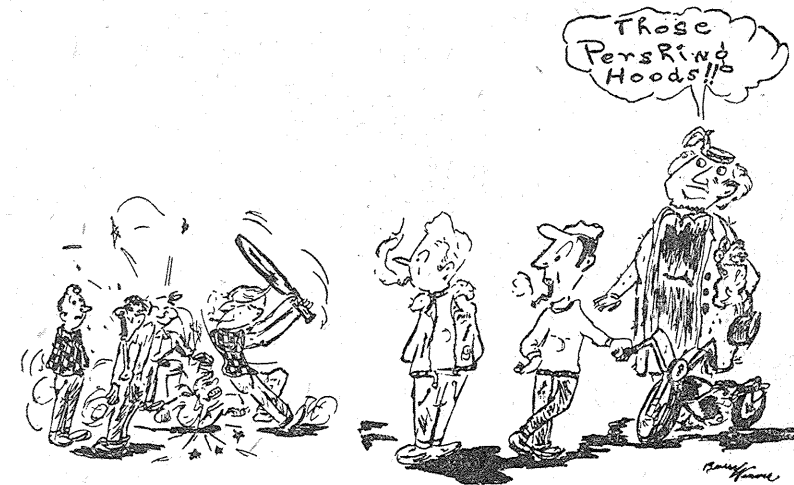




SHARP FIGHT, HAH?

YOUR CONDUCT TELLS ON YOU

By RICHARD HARRIS

We all feel very proud of Pershing, but have you ever thought that others may not share this same opinion? Do you realize that many parents in the Houston area feel that Pershing is a very rough and rowdy school, and have very low opinions of it? What is worse, teachers and students of other schools hold these same opinions. The question each of us needs to ask ourselves is, "what gives these persons such a low opinion of Pershing?"

As far as really bad stains on Pershing's reputation, which might even go to the extent of juvenile delinquency, are concerned it is basically a small group of the worst of our 2200 students that cause the bad reputation, but there are many other lesser things which influence opinions toward the bad side. If you were to list the main causes of Pershing's bad reputation you would probably list something like this:

1. Serious delinquency on the part of a very small portion of Pershing students.
2. Seeming toughness of some students.
3. Poor conduct in stores around Pershing.
4. Poor attitudes toward substitutes.

In regard to the first item, it is quite evident that in a school the size of Pershing there are going to be some students who never seem to care about what they do or what kind of reflection they cast on themselves, their homes, and their school. Even though this type of person makes up a very minute portion of the student body, people just don't notice the well-behaved, conscientious portion of the students. It is the few black sheep that stick out like sore thumbs, and the bad things of any school that find their way most readily from mouth to mouth or into the papers. But don't get the

Chatter Contest Has A Winner

Patricia Kelly came through last week with the right answers to our contest and won the silver dollar. However, The Chatter is running another advertising contest. Answer all the questions and turn them in to Mr. Evans in Room 7 between 3:00 and 3:15 today. Please turn your paper in only at the specified time. The prize will be another silver dollar.

1. How many ads are in the paper this time?
2. What store's name in the Village starts with a Z?
3. What business has automatic tees and a full line of golf supplies?
4. What store loans instruments to beginners and is next door to the Bellaire Theatre?
5. What store in the Village is called the "Men and Boys' Shop"?
6. What store is located at 3825 Bellaire Blvd?
7. What store advertises "See our 'Cool' Columbia Speedliner" and "Give your bike a real treat for Christmas"?
8. What store is located at 2512 Rice Blvd?
9. What store is at 2524 Amherst and what kind of gifts does it ask you to buy?
10. What are the people's names who are advertising encyclopedias and what kind of encyclopedias are they selling?
11. Are there any gasoline stations advertising in this issue? If so, name them.
12. What business is located at McGowan and Hutchins Sts. and when are its sessions on Saturdays,

Panda Cub Album The Christmas Story

By ANN ECHOLS

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Even though this isn't much of a pose, For the little gal with the turned-up nose,

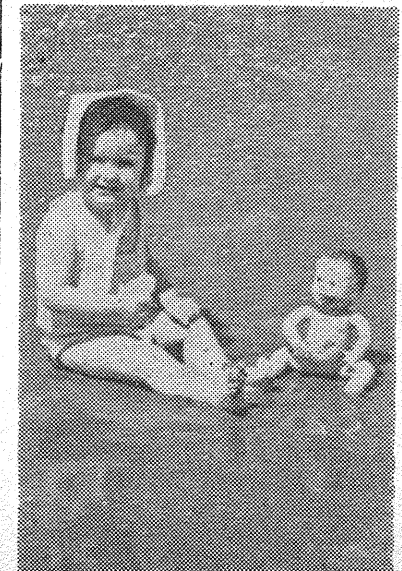
She's a bathing beauty at this early age, you understand, As she sat on the beach and played in the sand,

Her honors are many, her faults are few, President, vice-president, and gym leader, too.

With light brown hair and big brown eyes, Her likable ways are known to girls and guys.

But still with honor, beauty, and fame, Our panda's personality remains the same.

Unscramble the letters and guess her name.



RICKY MILEHAM

In the last issue of the CHATTER, Lee Raesener was the mystery panda. Lee, a high nine football, baseball, swimming, and basketball, star stands five feet and eight inches tall. Besides being secretary of his homeroom, Lee has the honor of being president of the high nine grade. Good luck to an all 'round guy, Lee Raesener!

Sundays, and holidays?

13. What store is located at 2504 Amherst and what is its phone number?

14. What is the name of the store at 2539 Times and what does it sell?

15. What is the name and number of the super market advertising in this paper and what kind of stamps does it give?

16. What business advertises "Distinctive Hair Styling" and where is it located?

17. What is the name of the store that rents books, and where it is located?

18. What is the name of the Drive-In advertising in this paper and what movies does it advertise for Christmas week?

19. What store is located on 5407 Richmond Road and what does it advertise?

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gnomes or brownies. One is an old man carrying a bell and the other is an old woman carrying the basket of presents.

The Germans give place to joy and celebration and have the gayest time they can. A man dressed like St. Nicholas visits house to house asking if the children have been good or bad during the year. Then he distributes presents among the families.

In Belgium and Holland the Christmas celebration is devoted entirely to Church services. The children's day is December 6, when St. Nicholas comes by with many gifts for all. The children leave their wooden shoes for St. Nicholas to fill.

The holiday time in France is just one big festival. The children expect either the Christ Child or Father Christmas (St. Nicholas) to give them presents. Midnight mass is held Christmas Eve and the celebration lasts until the twelfth day.

In Eastern Europe Christmas is not merely the Christ Child's birthday but they feel He is born again. The yule log is the center of celebration which lasts from December 24 to December 31.

In Spain, the celebration is more or less a Church service. On Christmas Eve the Spanish hold a gay carnival. On January 5 the children put out their shoes for presents. Three men dressed like the three wise men distribute the presents.

In Italy, the celebration is mainly Church services, too. They also hold gay celebrations on Christmas Eve. On January 5, an old lady comes around and fills the children's shoes.

In Mexico Christmas is a religious holiday. The children get their presents at a gay party on January 6. The people in Mexico hang pinatas from the ceiling and blindfold one child and give him a stick to see if he can break it. The pinata is filled with candy.

In South America there are many carnivals and gay celebrations. The center of attraction is a big tree with electric lights.

In the Holy Land, where Christ was born, the little town of Bethlehem holds a long procession which winds up and down the streets holding candles and praying. Pilgrims all over the world come here to worship.

In colonial America the strict and stern Puritan refused to let the colonists do any celebrating. The Dutch, later, broke the rule and from then we get the Santa Claus custom.

HONOR ROLL—

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Sheila Ullrich

Mrs. H. M. Lewis' homeroom:

Jack Lantz

Marsha Langston

Lord's homeroom:

Johnny Holman

Marcia Horton

Virginia Hill

Madden's homeroom:

Howard Dreyer

Calista Eiteman

Morrison's homeroom:

Francis Harrison

Tony Harwell

John Haverfield

Sally Henderson

Rosson's homeroom:

Linda Ames

Karen Anderson

Scarborough's homeroom:

Linda Schnattener

Simmang's homeroom:

Sandra Marr

Judy Matthews

David McStravick

Linda Hiett

Mary Frances Harris

George Hite

Jackson's homeroom:

Carole Cloninger

Evelyn Crooker

Dessagene Crawford

Junger's homeroom:

Jerry Walston

Mike Blackledge

La Verne's homeroom:

Barbara Jackson

Frank Jones

Meredith James

Ann Marie Johnson

Smith's homeroom:

Jimmy Hall

Martha Hansen

Sussie Heyne

Richter's homeroom:

Pam Popkin

Stephenson's homeroom:

Luana Sealy

Sally Robinson

Trice's homeroom:

Stephen Engberg

Patti Fugua

H-8

Book's homeroom:

Barbara Sinclair

Early's homeroom:

Darryl Shaw

Norma May

Fornell's homeroom:

Jane Ramsey

L-9

Funchess' homeroom:

Peggy O'Neal

Suzanne Robinson

Johnson's homeroom:

Harriet Lieberman

M. A. Jones' homeroom:

Loullyn Kelley

Kay Knapp

Miller's homeroom:

Emory Glover

Marjorie Trulan

Patty Weber

Judy Wood

Moreland's homeroom:

Genny McNamara

Larry Moore

Richardson's homeroom:

Dianne Duncan

Wendy Melchior

Joe Taylor

Joyce Von Boeckmann

John Williams

George Wright

Austin Young

H-9

Nelson's homeroom:

Patti Oliver

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PANDA PERSONALITIES



RUI WISE

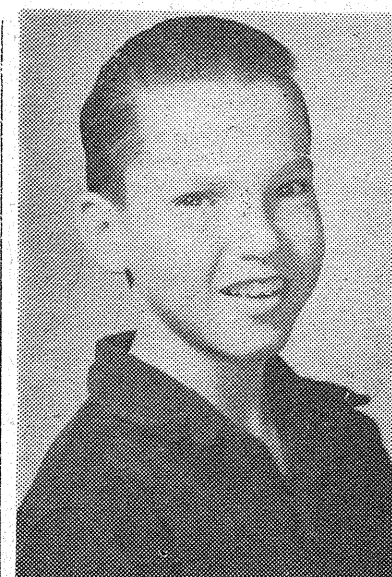
We find the Panda Personality of the seventh grade this month is cute, brunette, Rui Wise. Rui is twelve years old and is in Mr. McMillian's high seventh grade homeroom.

Rui has planned to get the rest of her education, after she leaves "dear ole" Pershing," in Lamar and then in Rice Institute.

Rui's hobbies are stamp collecting and swimming. Her favorite subject is Math, which she has with Mr. Corson. Her favorite school activity is being in the Library Club and working in the library. Among our Panda Personality's favorites are the color blue, fried chicken, steak, and iced tea.

Rui lives at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wise, at 3514 Plumb. Here is a lot of good luck to an adorable girl.

CLEVELAND'S
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HOUSTON, TEXAS



BILL MONROE

Girls sure give a second look to this month's cute Panda Personality, Bill Monroe. He is a member of Mrs. Dortha McLure's 8th grade homeroom. He has blue eyes and black hair. He was born in Houston on August 29, 1941. He has two sisters and one brother. He lists as his favorites: Hamburgers, fish, and cokes. His favorite color is blue. He does not like the bop. He likes, as his favorite song, "Hearts of Stone." (Who doesn't?) He likes to sing and dance. He lists as his favorite movie stars: Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, and Richard Widmark. He likes Dragnet and Mr. Eckels.

Among his many honors, he was president of his homeroom last year, and is secretary this year.

He is an A and B student. His hobbies are: Playing the accordion, sports, and dancing. He is on the Pershing B team in basketball and is a great player.

He plans to attend Lamar and then A & M.



PATTI OLIVER

The ninth grade Panda Personality for this issue is Patti Oliver. She is a member of Mrs. Nelson's high nine homeroom. Patti has blonde hair and blue eyes and is five feet, eight inches tall. She was born in Houston, on February 26, 1940, and is 14 years old. She has lived here all of her life and attended West University Elementary School.

After leaving Pershing, Patti wants to attend San Jacinto and then the new Bellaire High School. She has made five scholarships and is working hard for her sixth. If these grades continue she will sail smoothly through Rice, where she plans to go to college.

Patti's favorite color is blue and her favorite subject is gym. During the summer she likes to swim and also takes swimming in school, so she considers this her hobby.

Among Patti's honors we find that she has been gym team captain three times and class leader once. Her homeroom has elected her president, vice-president, secretary, Sweetheart candidate twice, and May Pete candidate. With her grades, it is no wonder that she is a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society.

Last year Patti was the CHATTER's business manager and this year she is the news editor. On top of Patti being sweet and attractive, we see why she has gotten this honor. Good luck, Patti, for you deserve the best.

SNOWFLAKE QUEEN

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McRae, Emily Hamrick, Helen Post, Judy Bell, Sherry Strater, Roberta Wadler, Judy Mount, Linda Riedel, Joyce Dixon, Cecile Epting, Judy Stradinger, Cathy Baxter, Barbara Harkins, and Susie Dreschel.

After the coronation Mrs. Perkins' choral group presented a musical made up of some appropriate songs for Christmas.

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Village Jeweler
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Convenience and Explain the
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KNOCKIN' ON THE DOOR

Club House Door

By HARVEY ZELLER

It won't be too long now before we will be ringing out the old year and bringing in the new. A particular incentive and spirit-reviver to students of our fair is the fact that we are to have a two week vacation from the daily routine of study. If all of you smart students want to minimize the amount of work to be assigned prior to and after the Christmas vacation, try and complete all of the required work assigned before the holidays, before their start, so that you won't be submerged in school lessons after the holidays.

It is just simple arithmetic that if you work diligently until the



Well, Christmas is almost here! Of course, during the Christmas holidays there are going to be loads of parties, and parties mean formals. The formals this year do not seem too long or short, but in between. There is no special color, as formals are worn in all colors, all of the time. Red, white, and blue are very popular colors this year.

Finally, we can wear coats! Most of the coats this year have been short but when it starts getting colder, the longer and heavier coats will be worn. Most coats are white. Other popular colors are blue, yellow, green, and beige.

Jumpers are quite popular now and their popularity seems to be increasing. Jumpers come in many kinds of materials and in many colors. Some of them are corduroy, wool, tweed, and felt. Some of the colors are red, blue, black, and green. Jumpers are ideal to wear to school and to parties.

Well, I guess that's about all for this issue. So long and—

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

School Journalists Tour City Paper

The Chatter Club, the Junior Journalism Club, and Mr. Evans' third period journalism class went on a field trip to the Houston Chronicle on the afternoon of December 7th.

They were greeted by Mr. R. J. Watts, managing editor, who issued the invitation while visiting Pershing during the open house several weeks ago. They were introduced to Mr. Ben Alexander, the county editor, and Mrs. Carol Glover, the garden editor.

Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Glover guided the students through the Chronicle plant. They saw the city room, the wire room, sports department, women's department, the photography department, advertising department, the composing room, and the press room.

In addition to the visual tour, the students were given a brief run-down on the history of the paper and what it takes to publish the newspaper. The Chatter staff had their picture taken and published in the Chronicle December 8th. The trip was considered a complete success.

BUTLER GRIMES CO.

IN THE VILLAGE
2504 AMHERST
— KE-4872 —

Christmas vacation, you will not be submitted to long hours of strenuous study striving to get important information in its condensed form into your head for the six week's test . . . the information which should have been learned preceding the vacation.

Now, shall I get down to the principal subject to which this column is dedicated? It is my opinion that the Stage Club and the Projection Club are particularly outstanding examples to set before other of our representative clubs of Pershing.

Contributing to the success of one of the major parts of school life, recreation, is the Stage Club. Without diversion from regular educational endeavors, students would not only find their studies monotonous, but would also have a tendency to not handle assigned work to the fullest of their ability. The Stage Club is a responsible group of pupils whose main function is to operate the stage and public address system. If it were not for their very helpful contribution to the school, the plays which Pershing students present for our enjoyment could never be possible and certainly never successful. Only through the members' assistance in the operation of the public address system may we hear important announcements. These significant announcements, if unheard, could cause undeterminable confusion and discord. The duties and necessary techniques of the club members, taught by Mr. Corson, are somewhat taken for granted. But their endeavors are supremely important in the school's development.

The Projection Club needs no introduction. Under the direction of Mrs. Rossen, the club performs essential duties for the school. Absence of the supplying to teachers, of audio and visual equipment, upon which entire learning processes depend would endanger the teaching technique of Pershing. The club's basic purpose is to make sure this dilemma will never occur. The membership consists of thirty-five aspiring students who either knew prior to or learned after joining the club about the operation of the different pieces of equipment. The club members supply teachers with thirty millimeter and sixty millimeter projectors, opaque projectors, tape recorders, and record players which they operate for the teachers. The students participating in the club's activities were admitted only after complying with very difficult requirements.

Among others, the principal qualifications are an H in conduct, exceptionally good passing grades, and the most dependability. Recommendations from homeroom or former teachers are quite helpful. The pupils must take into consideration that the supreme essence of endeavor must be exerted in the club to keep up with the necessary jobs to be accomplished each week.

But prospective members are influenced by a social aspect, for the club will visit a local television station, KUHT, and participate on Viz Quiz. To summarize: Although it is very arduous routine, the Projection Club offers an opportunity for members to gain responsibility. This will have a great influence on good citizenship.